The Kern Economic Development Corporation supports the request by SBC Pacific Bell for the Public Utilities Commission to open up the long distance market for their participation. It would appear that additional providers offer the best opportunity for the end user.

The Kern EDC is the lead agency for economic development in Kern county. In that role, we are constantly interfacing with employers considerign relocations to, or additional locations in, California. It is essential that we are able to offer the broadest and most competitive business services in our effort to attract employers.

SBC Pacific Bell is an important player in our community across business, charitable and social activities and we would like for them to have equal opporunity in their field of play.